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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY/USAID REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED
IN REFTEL ON IMPLICATIONS OF CONSOLIDATION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM OPERATIONS UNDER EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH TO CONSOLIDATION
OF ALL INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES UNDER
S/NM (REFTEL). OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE MISSION
HAVE CLOSELY PARALLELED POINTS IN REFTEL.
2. BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED IS TO INTEGRATE THESE
NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS PHYSICALLY AND ORGANIZATIONALLY INTO THE EMBASSY
AS A SEPARATE OFFICE FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS. THE DIVERSITY
OF THE PROGRAMS AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED MAKE IT
IMPRACTICAL TO CONSIDER PUTTING THE OFFICE UNDER ANY OF THE EXIST-
ING EMBASSY ENTITIES SUCH AS THE POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC SECTION.
SEPARATE OFFICE, TO BE CALLED NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT, SHOULD BE

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PLACED UNDER AN FSO-3 OR FSO-4 WITH EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN
AFFAIRS AND POSSIBLY EXPERIENCE WITH NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. NCU
WOULD ALSO ABSORB REPORTING AND WORKING LEVEL COORDINATING
RESPONSIBILITIES NOW PERFORMED BY THE POLITICAL SECTION. CHIEF
OF THE NCU WOULD FUNCTION UNDER THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AS
HIS DEPUTY MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. THIS WOULD GIVE THE
AMBASSADOR AND DCM A STRONGER MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR ASSURING

COORDINATION AND DIRECTION NOT ONLY OF THE AID PROGRAMS BEING ABSORBED BUT THE OTHER RELATED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MISSION. THE CURRENT SENIOR AID OFFICER ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS PROJECTS HERE (HE IS AN FSR-2) COULD SERVE AS DEPUTY TO CHIEF OF THE NCU. IN ADDITION TO OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES THE NCU WOULD BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY AND WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EMBASSY.

3. FOL ARE OUR COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, KEYED TO THAT MESSAGE:

2(A). THERE IS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR THE NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT IN THE EMBASSY.

2(B). THERE WILL BE NO IDENTIFIABLE, ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICE SPACE AND UTILITIES.

2(C). EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT UNIT WHENEVER IT IS ESTABLISHED.

2(D). ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION/GSO WILL BE IN POSITION TO SUPPORT NCU PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ON SAME BASIS AS REST OF EMBASSY STAFF AT ANY TIME AND WELL WITHIN DEADLINE OF SEPT 30, 1978.

2(E). USAID POLICY IS TO PROVIDE COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT WITH LIMITED SHIPPING ALLOWANCE. WITH SOME EXCEPT-
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IONS EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE HOUSED IN PRIVATELY-RENTED QUARTERS AND HAVE FULL SHIPPING ALLOWANCES. CONSEQUENTLY, AMERICAN DIRECT-HIRE AND PASA EMPLOYEES (FOUR IN NUMBER) TRANSFERRED TO EMBASSY WILL INITIALLY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL OUT-OF-POCKET COST IF REQUIRED TO OBTAIN COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS. PERSONNEL SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED, WITH FULL SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, WOULD BE IN SAME POSITION AS REST OF EMBASSY STAFF.

2(F). USAID WILL PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL SERVICES DESIRED BY THE EMBASSY, FOR AS LONG AS MAY BE REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE LITTLE MEANINGFUL INCONVENIENCE. EARLIEST ADVICE REQUIRED AS TO WHETHER STATE OR USAID APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE USED IN FY 1979 AND THEREAFTER. IF USAID FUNDS ARE USED, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE UTILIZED BY EMBASSY IN THE ADMINISTRATION, CONTROL, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING OF FUNDS BE RECEIVED ASAP. DETAILS CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND FORMS TO BE USED IN PLACE OF USAID PROAG, PIO/C, PIO/T AND PIO/P WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

2(G). USAID PROVIDES USE OF CENTRAL MOTOR POOL VEHICLES WHENEVER VEHICLES PROVIDED UNDER PROJECT AGREEMENT ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS MINIMAL USE. PERSONNEL PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO USAID NARCOTICS PROJECTS UTILIZE VEHICLES, DRIVERS, POL, AND MAINT-

ENANCE PROVIDED BY RTG. VEHICLES (TWO IN NUMBER) ARE INITIALLY SUPPLIED BY USG, USING GRANT FUNDS, UPON CONDITION THAT RTG ALLOW USE AND PROVIDE DRIVER, POL, AND MAINTENANCE. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS CONTINUED WHEN NCU IS INTEGRATED INTO EMBASSY, NO ADDITIONAL VEHICLES, DRIVERS OR FUNDS FOR POL AND MAINTENANCE WILL BE REQUIRED. USAID HAS NO RPT NO NON-PROJECT EXCESS VEHICLES THAT CAN BE TRANSFERRED WITH THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTION.

2(H). USAID IS WILLING TO PROVIDE, ON A SHORT-TERM LOAN BASIS, HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT THAT CANNOT BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY FOR PRESENT EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM USAID TO EMBASSY. PERSONNEL ARRIVING SUBSEQUENTLY WILL BE EXPECTED TO COME WITH FULL SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS, LIKE OTHER MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF.

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2(I). WHILE WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED INTEGRATION OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INTO EMBASSY WITH THAI OFFICIALS, WE DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM WHEN WE INFORM THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THAI OFFICIALS WILL REGARD THIS QUESTION AS INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER FOR EMBASSY TO HANDLE.

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2(J). IN ADDITION TO FSO OFFICER DIRECTOR NCU WILL NEED CLEARED AMERICAN SECRETARY TO HANDLE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE CLASSIFIED CORRESPONDENCE. POST RECOMMENDS IT BE AUTHORIZED TO

FILL THIS POSITION WITH QUALIFIED RESIDENT DEPENDENT SPOUSE. NCU WILL NEED RESPONSIVE TRANSLATION SERVICES (ENGLISH TO THAI, THAI TO ENGLISH). INITIALLY, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET THIS NEED FROM ITS OWN FSL RESOURCES. ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL DIRECT-HIRE ASSISTANT PROJECT EMPLOYEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE TRAINING ADVISER. SUCH A POSITION EXISTED IN THE PAST BUT WAS TERMINATED WHEN THE SECOND USAID TRAINING ADVISER POSITION WAS TERMINATED. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT RELATED TO A TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS BUT TO FILLING OF ADVISORY POSITION. DEPENDING ON PROCEDURES WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED TO CONTINUE OR REPLACE PROAG, PIO/C, PIO/T AND PIO/P, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN THIS FUNCTION WILL INVOLVE AND WHETHER IT CAN BE MET FROM EMBASSY RESOURCES.

2(K). MORALE PROBLEMS, IF ANY, WITH LOCAL DIRECT-HIRE EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT. DIRECT-HIRE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT JOB SECURITY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD BE LOST UPON TRANSFER TO STATE. NARCOTICS PROGRAMS ARE REGARDED BY THEM AS AN ACTIVITY ONLY RECENTLY-TAKEN OVER BY THE DEPT OF STATE, AND THERE DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TYPE POSITION WHERE A DIRECT-HIRE AMERICAN COULD BE PLACED WITHIN STATE. THE GRADE LEVEL OF SUCH AN EMPLOYEE COULD PRECLUDE OR COMPLICATE ASSIGNMENT ELSEWHERE IN STATE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESENT AMERICAN DIRECT-HIRE AND PASA EMPLOYEES NOW IN-COUNTRY MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS IS AN ADDITIONAL MORALE PROBLEM. (POST WILL MEET THIS PROBLEM)

4. PARA 3 OF REFTTEL. (FOL IS A TABLE BROKEN DOWN BY MAN-MONTHS OF SERVICES PERFORMED IN-HOUSE BY USAID FOR THE PAST 12-MONTH PERIOD. FOR EAST OF PRESENTATION WE HAVE ELIMINATED CATEGORIES OF "CONTRACT" AND "TCN" PERSONNEL, AS THERE ARE PRESENTLY NONE IN THOSE CATEGORIES AND NONE CONTEMPLATED.)

	AMERICAN		RTG	
	DIRECT HIRE	FSL	PROVIDED	
CONTRACTING	3 M/MONTHS		1/2 M/MONTHS	--
PROCUREMENT	3 M/MONTHS		4 M/MONTHS	--
LEGAL	1 M/MONTH	--	--	
FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.2 M/MONTH		18 M/MONTHS	--
TRAINING	1 M/MONTH		3 M/MONTHS	--
PROGRAMMING INCLUD-				
ING NARC OFFICER	2 M/MONTHS		4 M/MONTHS	--
BUDGETING	2 M/MONTHS		2 M/MONTHS	--
DRIVERS	--	--	36 M/MONTHS	
PERSONNEL/ADM SERV.	1 M/MONTH		35 M/MONTHS	--
SECRETARIAL SERV.	1/4 M/MONTH		12 M/MONTHS	12 M/MONTHS

ACTIVITY AMOUNT OF TIME

MAINTAIN ALLOTMENT, PROJECT LEDGERS, 1 MAN YEAR DIVIDED BETWEEN
OBLIGATION RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION 3 LN ACCOUNTANTS AND LN
AND BUDGETING AND REPORTING. SUPERVISOR.

CASHIER, PAYROLL AND VOUCHERING 0.5 MAN YEAR DIVIDED BE-
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SERVICES. TWEEN 3 LN VOUCHER CLERKS
AND ONE LN SUPERVISOR.

REVIEW OF PROJECT, PROCUREMENT AND 0.1 MAN YEAR FOR ONE
CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION AS WELL AS AMERICAN ACCOUNTANT.
GENERAL SUPERVISION.
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